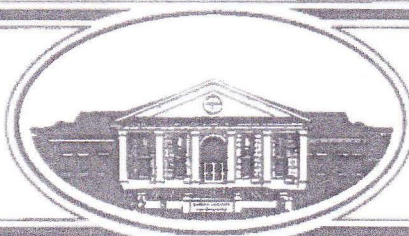


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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683  
Public Notices for LightSquared's License Modification  
Application and Petition, Reply Period

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have written in the past to support the efforts of LightSquared to build a new cell phone network that will use both satellites and terrestrial towers to provide service. I now write to ask the FCC to approve LightSquared's application for a license modification to allow it to proceed with its plans.

Among other things, I have written in the past about LightSquared having provided a significant service to Kentucky's first responders who had to respond to the terrible destruction caused by the tornadoes which ripped through Eastern Kentucky last spring, leaving 22 people dead, many more injured, and even more homeless. This was a disaster for Eastern Kentucky. Thankfully, my own county was spared, but nearby counties were hit with the brunt of the storms.

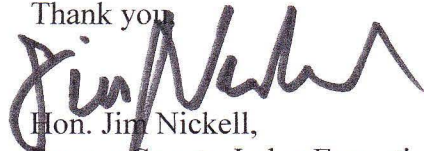
The county seat of Rowan County is Morehead, which is a larger town than the county seats of most Eastern Kentucky counties, and is the home to Morehead State University, and an area center of medicine, shopping, and education. And yet even in our county, when you get much past the Morehead city limits and out into the county, service quickly falls off, and in many rural areas of our county it is nonexistent.

That is why I agree with many of those commenting on LightSquared's application for a license modification, who point out the need for better broadband and cell phone service in the rural areas of our nation. For example, the Competitive Carriers Association, which represents many carriers in rural areas such as mine, wrote: "CCA and its members thus have supported LightSquared's entry into the marketplace as a new wholesale provider (alongside others), and many CCA members had planned to partner with LightSquared to utilize its mobile wireless solutions."

The fact that the CCA is willing to suggest that many of its own members would utilize LightSquared's system is a light of hope for those of us in rural Kentucky.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that the FCC grant LightSquared's application for a license modification. My county needs this desperately, as does every county surrounding it, and every county in our region. I appreciate the good work that you do, and I urge you to help LightSquared.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Nickell", written over the printed name.

Hon. Jim Nickell,  
Rowan County Judge Executive